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Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly" was included in the draft agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly at the request of Spain.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th and 31st meetings, on 11 October and 4 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 27 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/191).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.5

5. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of Spain, on behalf of Andorra, Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay,

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.12 and A/C.6/71/SR.31.

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introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.5).

6. At its 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.5 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries,

1. *Decides* to invite the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.